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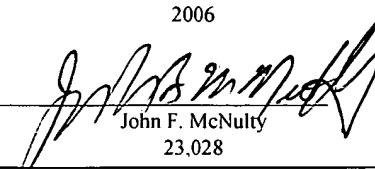
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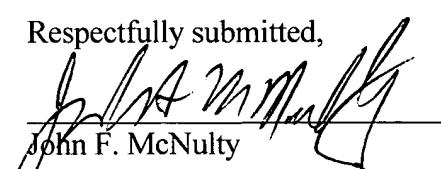
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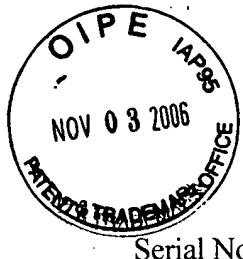
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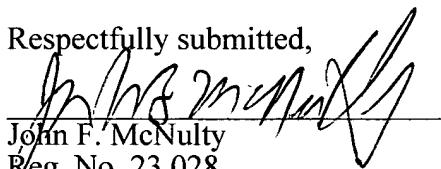
**FOREIGN PATENTS**

(AA) JP 08-188896 Ando Koji, et al, dated July 23, 1996. The relevance of this document is that it was cited as a category X reference in the International Search Report. It was also cited as a category "P" reference indicating that it was published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed. Also, its citation is apparently because it relates to a device and a method for electroplating a chip wherein two referenced electrodes are used.

A copy of the same in the Japanese language was provided with the IDS filed December 15, 2004.

A copy of an English language “patent abstracts of Japan” regarding the same is provided herewith.

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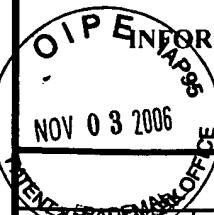
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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